

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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27. (Newly presented) A method for use in an interactive television system, the interactive television system including a system manager coupled to a plurality of subscriber terminals, comprising the steps of:
receiving a first user input at a subscriber terminal indicating a choice for one of a video signal and first operation data, wherein the first operation data includes a plurality of screens; and
displaying at least one of the video signal and the first operation data according to the user input, wherein the first operation data is stored in at least one of the system manager and subscriber terminal memory.

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28. (Newly presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the plurality of screens includes a feature start screen and associated screens, wherein upon receiving user input indicating the first operation data and displaying the feature start screen, the subscriber terminal retrieves the associated screens from the system manager and stores the associated screens in the subscriber terminal memory prior to their actual use.

29. (Newly presented) The method of claim 27, the steps further comprising:
receiving a second user input for one of the associated screens according to a channel map associated with the first operation data;
transmitting the second user input to the system manager;
receiving information from the system manager for updating the associated screen; and
displaying the associated screen including the updated information in accordance with the second user input.

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30. (Newly presented) The method of claim 27, wherein a user continues, via user inputs, an interactive communication with the system manager through the plurality of screens associated with the first operation data where the system manager updates each of the plurality of screens.

31. (Newly presented) A local environment for providing interactive communications, the local environment comprising:

a system manager for storing information regarding a plurality of clients, each client associated with a terminal located in the local environment; and

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a plurality of terminals coupled to the system manager, each terminal for receiving at least one of a video signal and first operation data, wherein when the first operation data is chosen, the terminal displays a feature start screen and stores a plurality of screens associated with the first operation data.

32. (Newly presented) The local environment of claim 31, wherein, upon client input, the terminal requests information from the system manager and subsequently displays the received information associated with one of the plurality of screens.
